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### **Planning and Development Committee Public Hearing**

**Friday, February 1, 2013**

**Testimony In Support of,**

### **HB 5530, An Act Permitting The Posting of Legal Notices On Municipal Websites**

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Cassano, Representative Rojas and Ranking Members Senator Fasano and Representative Aman and members of the Planning and Development Committee. My name is Melissa Ziobron and I am proud to represent the 34<sup>th</sup> District, which encompasses the towns of East Hampton, East Haddam and part of Colchester. I am testifying in support of two bills that I have proposed

HB 5530 would allow towns to publicize legal notices on town websites. As the First Selectman in Colchester stated --posting on the Town website is free for many municipalities, since they manage their own IT services. Allowing municipalities the option of posting legal notices on their websites helps defeat timeline issues, since many area newspapers only publish once a week, as well as cuts exorbitant costs to publish in hardcopy. In East Haddam, it is even more difficult with no daily or weekly newspaper that covers the town to get the word out and posting to the town website could be achieved with minimal cost.

The technology today and continuing decline in hard copy newspaper distribution levels must be cause for us to examine this burden to municipalities, who are being asked to do more with less on a daily basis. At the very minimum there should be a discussion regarding a phased approach to this delivery of posting requirements. This is one simple change that would give the municipality, mandate relief and in turn provide a uniform location for all legal notices to be placed.

Thank you again for your time and your consideration of this bill.